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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES CHILD LABOR AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Richmond - The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry is conducting a child labor awareness campaign. The primary objective of the campaign is to reach out to businesses that typically hire youth and educate them about the requirements of Virginia's child labor laws.

"Each year, the Department approves the issuance of more than 12,000 employment certificates, most of these during the summer," stated Labor and Industry Commissioner Ray Davenport. "These young workers make significant contributions to our economy, and we want to ensure that their work experiences are safe and healthy."

On July 9, 10, 16 and 17, the employees of the agency's Labor and Employment Law Division will visit businesses throughout the Commonwealth to provide information about child labor. Additional information about Virginia's child labor laws, including the "*Guide for the Employment of Teenagers*," is available on the agency's Web site at www.doli.virginia.gov.

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